Even in their brief time spent together,
A bond deeper than anyone else's.
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The Two Detectives Act I
二人の探偵 第一幕
憂國のモリアーティ
MORIARTY THE PATRIOT
原案/コナン・ドイル
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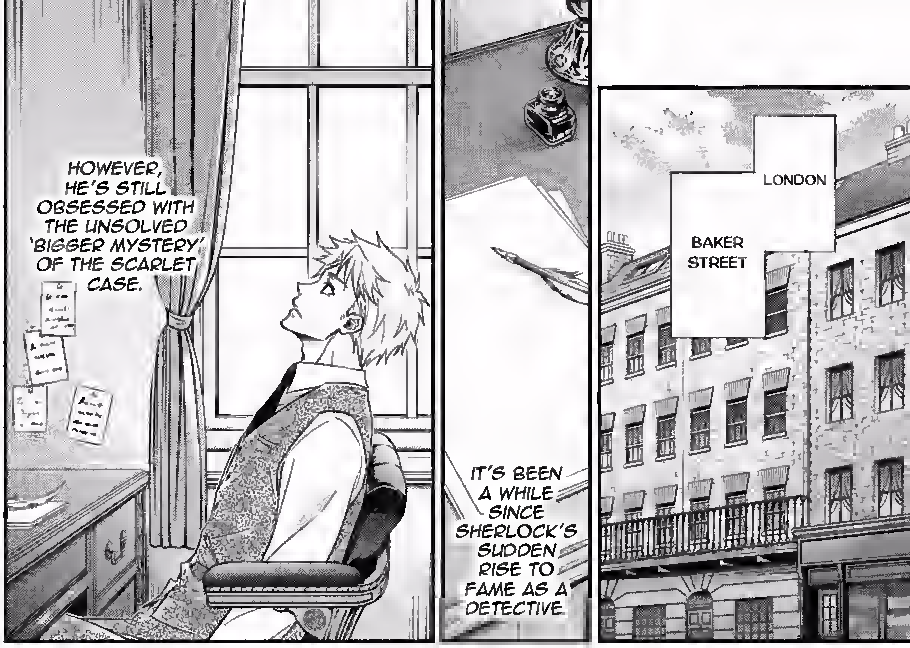
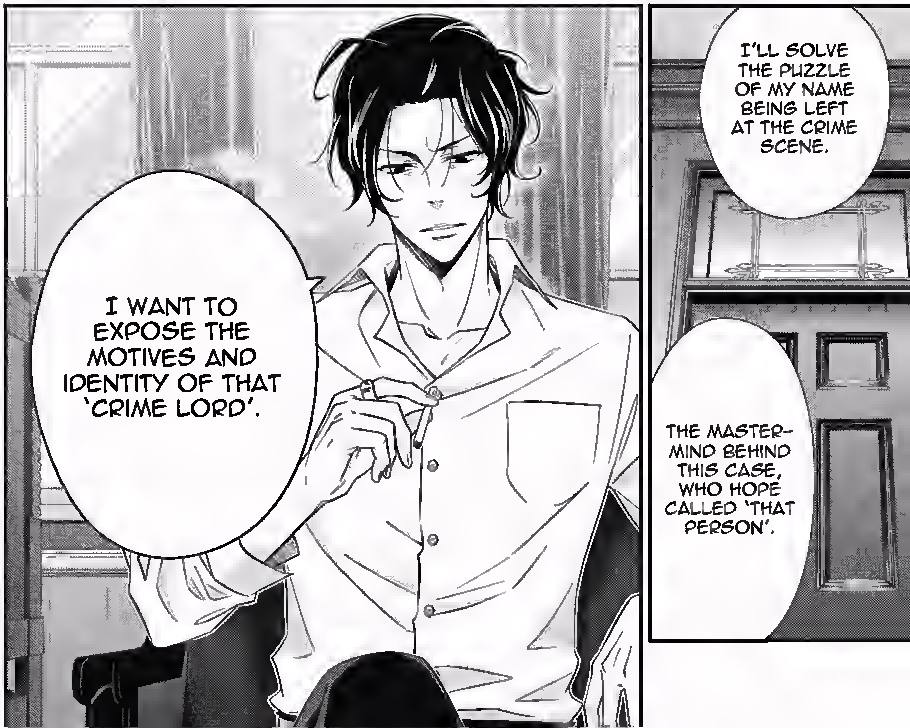

HOWEVER, HE'S STILL OBSESSED WITH THE UNSOLVED 'BIGGER MYSTERY' OF THE SCARLET CASE.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE SHERLOCK'S SUDDEN RISE TO FAME AS A DETECTIVE.
LONDON
BAKER STREET

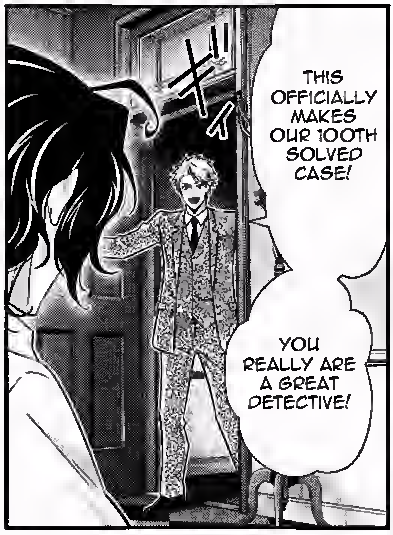

I WANT TO EXPOSE THE MOTIVES AND IDENTITY OF THAT 'CRIME LORD'.
I'LL SOLVE THE PUZZLE OF MY NAME BEING LEFT AT THE CRIME SCENE.
THE MASTER-MIND BEHIND THIS CASE, WHO HOPE CALLED 'THAT PERSON'.

SHERLOCK
IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT CRIME LORD MADE YOU SOLVE THAT CASE BECAUSE HE HAD SOME BUSINESS WITH YOU, THEN...
SHOULDN'T YOU TRY TO TAKE UP REQUESTS OTHER THAN THOSE FROM THE YARD?
THAT MAKES SENSE.. FOR SOMETHING COMING FROM YOU...
GREAT! SINCE IT'S DECIDED,
LET'S SOLVE THOSE MYSTERIES!
I MANAGED TO CONVINCE HIM!
IF YOU SOLVE MANY CRIMES, WOULDN'T YOU FIND A CASE RELATED TO THAT CRIME LORD AT SOME POINT?

MONTHS LATER

WHO KNOWS HOW LONG WE MIGHT WAIT FOR A BIG CASE FROM THE YARD?
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WRITE A NEW BOOK ANY-TIME SOON AND THE PUBLISHERS ARE EXPECTING!

TAKE CARE!
YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.


THIS OFFICIALLY MAKES OUR 100TH SOLVED CASE!
YOU REALLY ARE A GREAT DETECTIVE!

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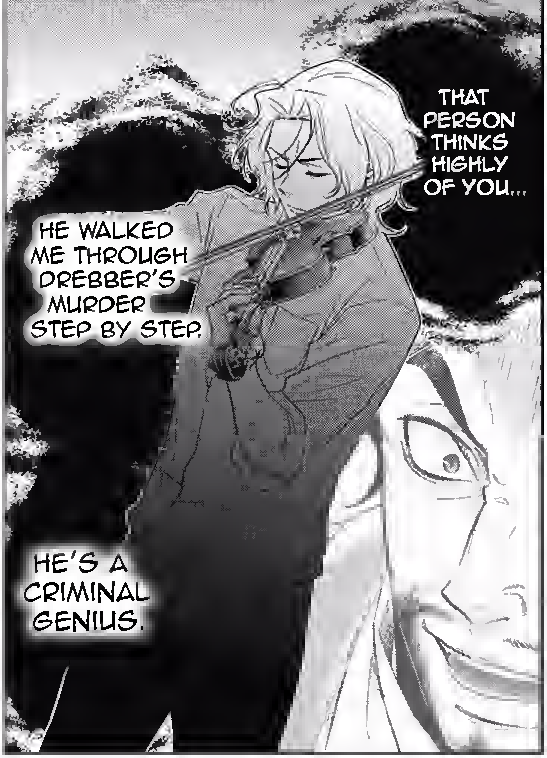
IS SOMETHING WRONG, SHERLOCK?
REALLY!
HEHE
WITH THIS MUCH INFORMATION, I CAN WRITE 10 INTERESTING STORIES!
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM, COMING HERE WITH BORING CASES
NOT A SINGLE CASE WITH A TRACE OF THAT CRIME LORD'S HAND IN IT!
WHAT ARE YOU GRUMBLING ABOUT? YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP TO THE COMMUNITY
TODAY'S ANOTHER DAY WITH NO CASES TO TAKE!
TELL ME IF THERE ARE ANY!
OH, ALRIGHT.


THAT PERSON THINKS HIGHLY OF YOU...
HE WALKED ME THROUGH DREBBER'S MURDER STEP BY STEP.
HE'S A CRIMINAL GENIUS.

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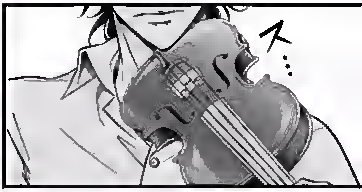
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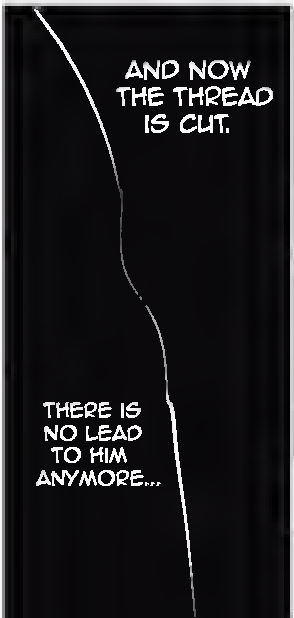
AND NOW THE THREAD IS CUT.
THERE IS NO LEAD TO HIM ANYMORE...

THAT GUY WAS TESTING ME?
CRIME LORD...
BUT FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

IF YOU KILL ME...
YOU CAN LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT " THAT PERSON".
KILL HOPE...
DON'T TELL ME I WAS DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE I DIDN'T KILL HIM..
IF I HAD KILLED HIM THEN, I MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED A NEW CASE TO SOLVE BY NOW.
HOPE'S...
THE CRIME LORD'S...!!
THIS IS BECAUSE I REFUSED HIS OFFER !!
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KUH...!!
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I SEE...
I SHOULD'VE KILLED HIM...

RIGHT,
HOPE?

DAMN...
IT'S A DEAD END, EH?

JOHN! WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?
I DON'T KNOW EITHER!! I HEARD A GUNSHOT!!
SHERLOCK !!

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...THE USUAL?
BEFORE YOU CAME, IT WAS PRETTY FREQUENT...
SHER-LOCK... WHAT'S WRONG ALL OF A SUDDEN?
AH... IT'S THE USUAL THING.
HE FALLS INTO THESE KINDS OF...?
INSPECTOR LESTRADE! SORRY...
I JUST HAPPENED TO BE NEARBY...
DON'T WORRY, I'M OFF DUTY.
I HEARD A GUNSHOT!!
IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT?

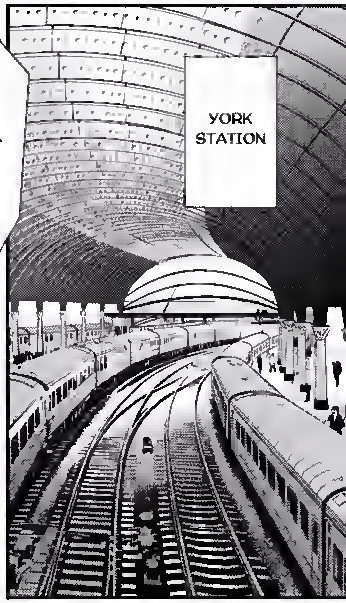
I SHOT TO CALL YOU OVER HERE, LESTRADE.
I'M GLAD NOTHING HAPPENED.
NO..
IDIOT! STOP DOING THINGS LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE ONLY GIVING GRESSON A CHANCE TO PUT YOU IN HANDCUFFS AGAIN!
WHA-
I KNEW THAT ON YOUR DAYS OFF YOU GO TO THAT OLD HAG'S PLACE TO GET A HAIRCUT.
DURING THESE PAST MONTHS...
...TELL ME IF THERE WAS A CASE INVOLVING A NOBLE.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO COVER FOR YOU NEXT TIME!
!?
WHO CARES ABOUT HIM...

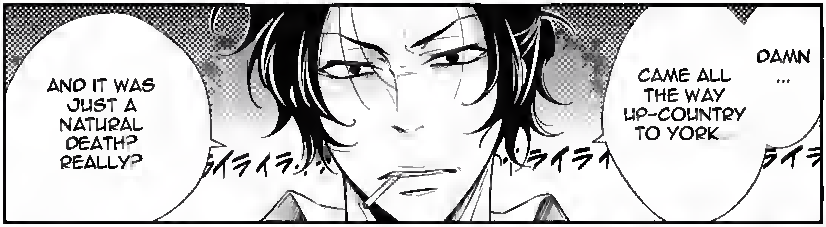
COME TO THINK OF IT, THERE WAS TALK OF A NOBLE WHO PASSED AWAY IN YORK
JUST ANSWER! IS THERE ANYTHING?
NOBLE? WHY A NOBLE?
HIS DEATH WAS DETERMINED TO BE NATURAL, SINCE HE HAD BEEN ILL.
HE WAS FOUND DEAD NEAR THE LAKE
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT HE LEFT HIS MANSION, LEAVING BEHIND A LETTER THAT SAID HE WAS TAKING A WALK TO THE LAKE
"WHAT WILL I DO"?
I'LL GO AND INVESTIGATE. THAT'S ALL I CAN DO
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, KNOWING THIS?
NO FOUL PLAY AT ALL.

WHETHER THAT DEATH
WAS A MURDER OR NOT.
INVESTIGATE WHAT?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
YOU PLAN ON GOING NOW? HOLMES!
IF WE HURRY, WE CAN MAKE IT THERE TODAY.
WHAT?!
IT'S BETTER THAN SITTING HERE WAITING FOR A CALL LIKE BLOODY IDIOTS!
JOHN, PLEASE!

LOOKING AFTER A FRIEND'S HEALTH IS NO PROBLEM. LEAVE IT TO ME.
I UNDERSTAND I AM A DOCTOR, AFTER ALL.
HE MIGHT FALL BACK ON DRUGS, LIKE BEFORE...
KEEP AN EYE ON HIM...
I KNOW! I'M COMING!
JOHN! IF YOU'RE COMING, HURRY UP!
WHAT? YOU'RE ALWAYS SO BOSSY...!
IF YOU'RE OFF DUTY AND SO FREE, COME ALONG!
LESTRADE! IT'LL BE EASIER TO ASK QUESTIONS WITH YOU AROUND.

THE LAST TRAIN TO LONDON WILL BE LEAVING SHORTLY.
DEPARTING PASSENGERS, PLEASE -


YORK STATION


AND IT WAS JUST A NATURAL DEATH? REALLY?
CAME ALL THE WAY UP-COUNTRY TO YORK
DAMN ...

I, UH... I'LL GO AND BUY A PAPER. THEN I'LL HAVE A MEAL IN THE DINING CAR.
AHEM -/
SURE. SEE YOU LATER.

HA HA!
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN EVEN YOU MISS THE MARK, SHERLO-....

GEEZ.. WHAT NATURAL DEATH?
HE WAS KILLED! SERIOUSLY...
SHERLOCK, DON'T ACT LIKE A CHILD.
HM?
RIGHT-.. TOBACCO, TOBACCO..
DAMN, MY MATCH BROKE.
HEY, JOHN, GIVE ME A LIGHT.
YOU SMOKE TOO MUCH
TOO MUCH OF ANYTHING IS BAD FOR THE HEALTH.
SO STOP ALREADY.
WHAT'S WITH THAT LANGUAGE?!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO ASK FOR THINGS POLITELY?!
LEAVE ME ALONE!! HURRY AND GIVE IT TO ME! YOU HAVE SOME, DON'T YOU!!

JUST LIKE BACK THEN... WHY DID YOU STOP ME FROM SHOOTING HIM?
HAA?!
SEEZ... YOU'RE SERIOUSLY USELESS!!
IT WAS WHAT HE WANTED, WASN'T IT?!
ARE YOU SAYING IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF YOU... IF YOU SHOT HIM?!
EX-ACTLY!
...BACK THEN... YOU MEAN WITH HOPE?
BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE STEP CLOSER TO SOLVING THIS HUGE MYSTERY!
IF I HAD DONE HIM IN THAT TIME, I WOULDN'T BE SUFFERING THIS MUCH!

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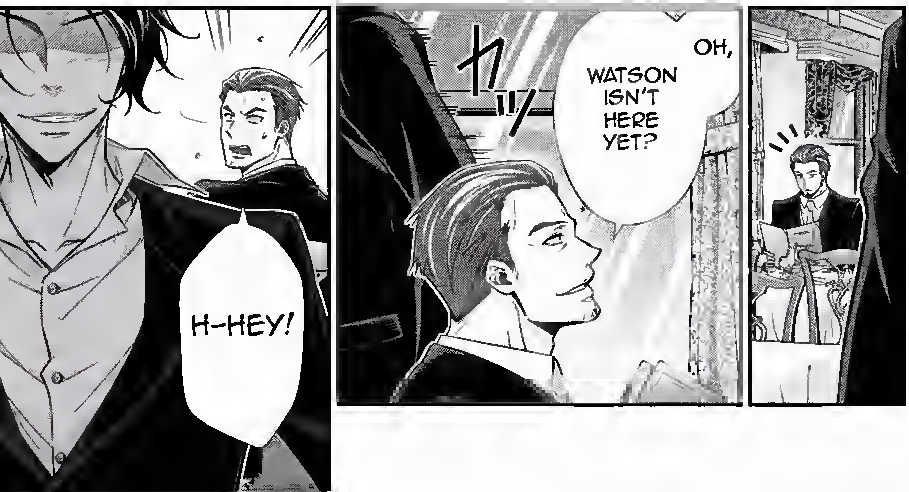
...HUH?
YOU'VE... DEEPLY... DISAPPOINTED ME...
TO THINK THAT YOU'RE THIS PETTY...

YOU CAN GO ON CHASING THOSE BELOVED PUZZLES OF YOURS.
ALONE!
HERE'S YOUR TICKET.
IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A KILLER, GO AHEAD!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU ANYMORE.
ACTING LIKE A WOMAN.
...THE HELL'S WRONG WITH HIM.
WE WILL BE DEPARTING SOON.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HIM....
LEAVING FOR LONDON, PLEASE BOARD NOW.

IT'S LOCKED?
TCH

ANNOYING.
WHATEVER, I'LL JUST GO EAT SOMETHING.
ARE YOU ALONE, SIR?
YEAH.
I'LL TAKE THE COLD BEEF WITH MASHED POTATOES.
AH, AND A BEER.

S-SIR?
SORRY, I'LL BE BACK.


H-HEY!
OH, WATSON ISN'T HERE YET?

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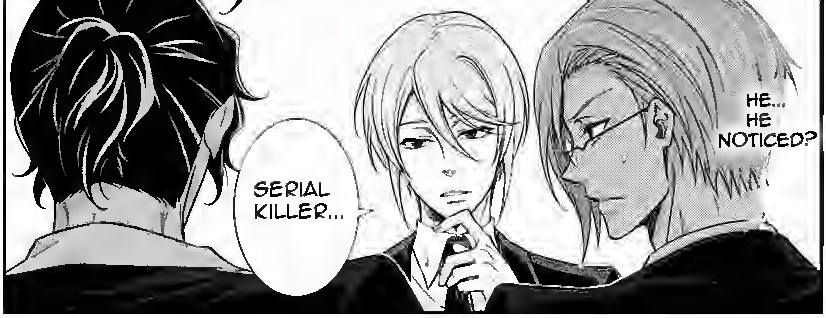
PROFESSOR,
WHAT A COINCIDENCE.

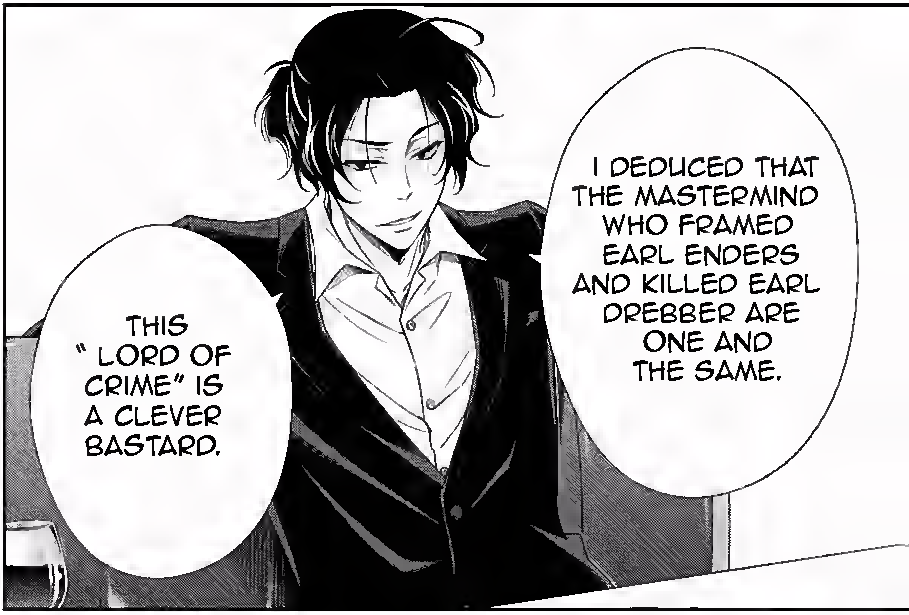
SHER-
LOCK
HOLMES!
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?

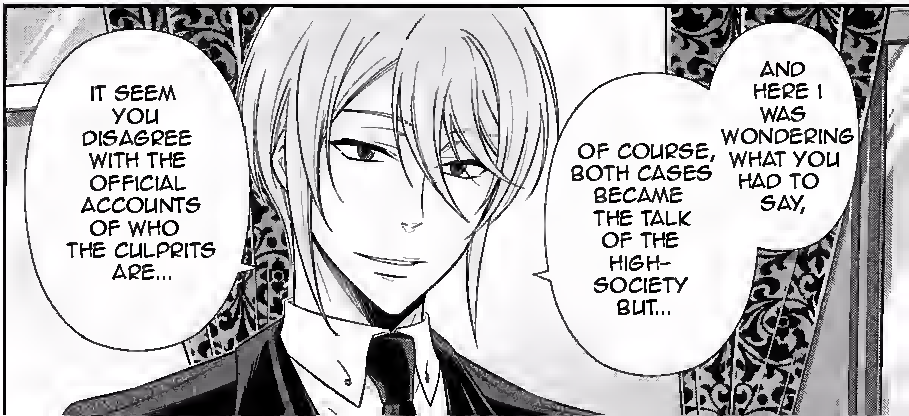
WE WERE ON THE NOAHTIC TOGETHER.
THE CONSULTING DETECTIVE, MR.SHERLOCK HOLMES.
YOU ARE...

YOUR DESSERTS AND AFTER-MEAL DRINKS STILL HAVEN'T COME, RIGHT?
FORGIVE ME, BUT WE WERE ABOUT TO FINISH OUR MEALS SO COULD YOU...

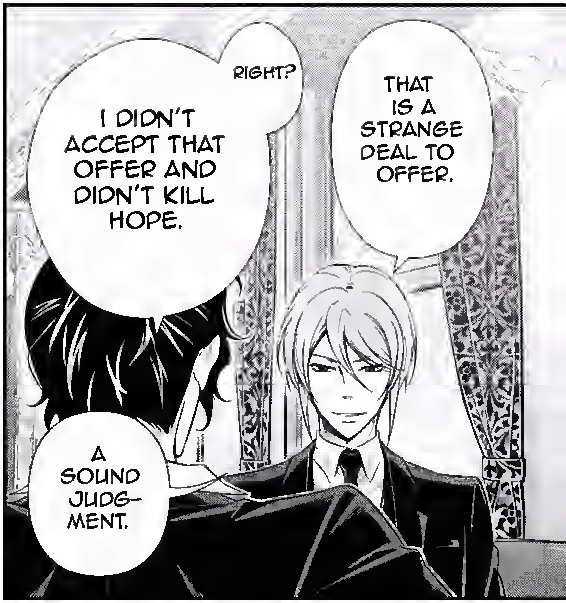
OF COURSE,
WE WERE JUST STARTING TO GET BORED.
LISTEN TO MY STORY FOR A WHILE, OKAY?
THIS GUY...
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT'VE BEEN ANOTHER OF THOSE SERIAL MURDERS OF NOBLEMEN.
IT WAS ALL FOR NOTHING.
TRUTH IS, I CAME ALL THE WAY TO YORK TO INVESTIGATE A CASE BUT...
THAT'S TOO BAD.
RIGHT?

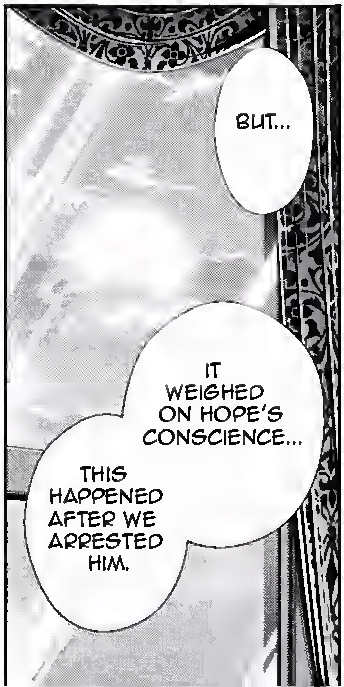

SERIAL KILLER...
HE... HE NOTICED?


THIS " LORD OF CRIME" IS A CLEVER BASTARD.
I DEDUCED THAT THE MASTERMIND WHO FRAMED EARL ENDERS AND KILLED EARL DREBBER ARE ONE AND THE SAME.


IT SEEM YOU DISAGREE WITH THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS OF WHO THE CULPRITS ARE...
OF COURSE, BOTH CASES BECAME THE TALK OF THE HIGH-SOCIETY BUT...
AND HERE I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY,

"AN EVIL NOBLE DIES" AND
" IT BECAME A BIG SCANDAL".
THOSE TWO POINTS
EXACTLY, THE TRUTH IS DIFFERENT.
THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT LINKS THESE CASES TOGETHER.
YOU CAN'T SAY THAT HAVING THOSE IN COMMON IS SIGNIFICANT.
STATISTICALLY, TWO THINGS ISN'T ENOUGH FOR CONCERN.
AND WHEN NOBLES ARE KILLED, NO MATTER HOW SAINTLY THERE WERE WHEN ALIVE, FOUL RUMORS STILL ARISE.
QUITE RIGHT,
BUT TO PROVE THAT MASTERMIND LORD REALLY EXISTS...





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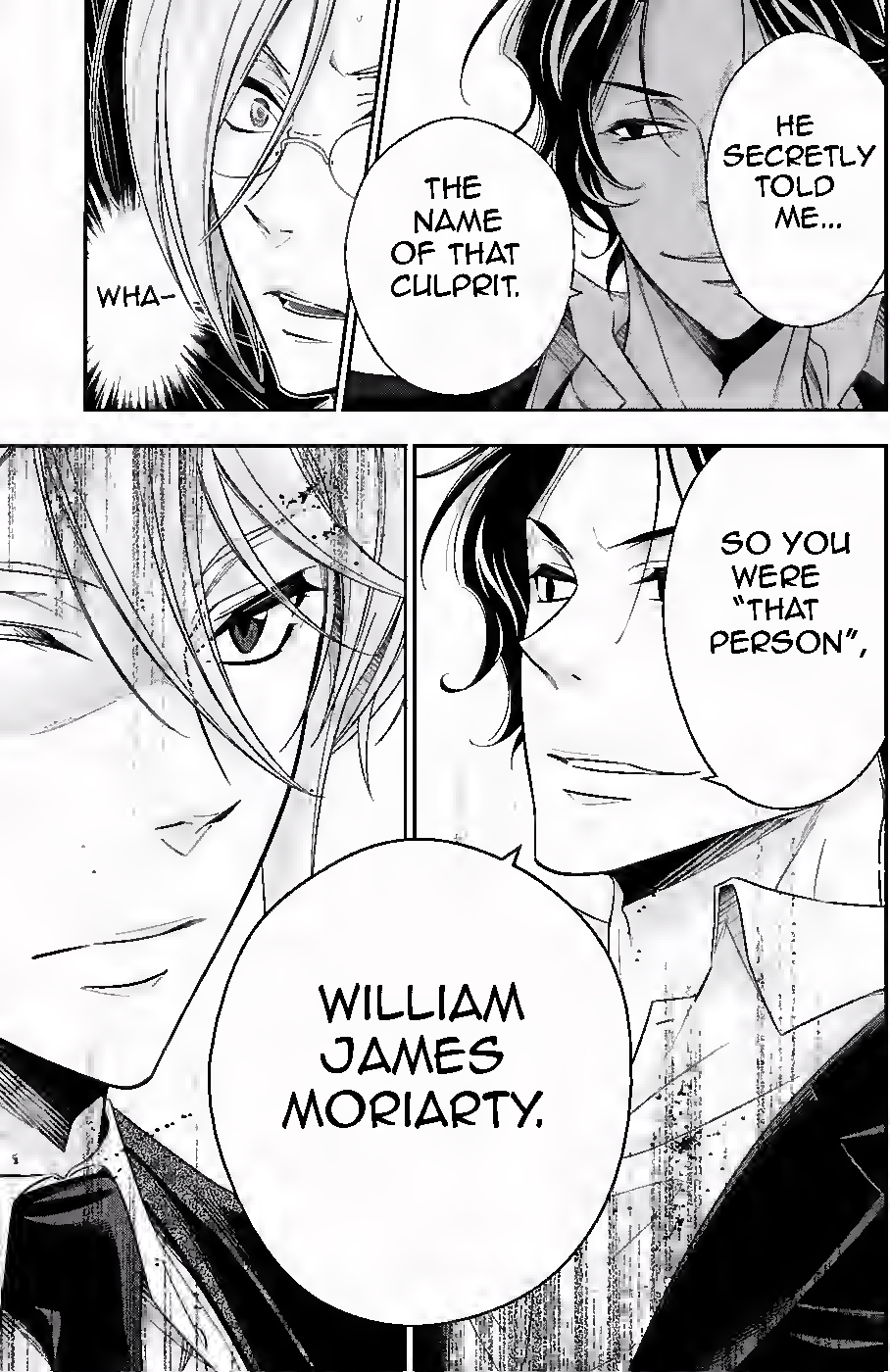
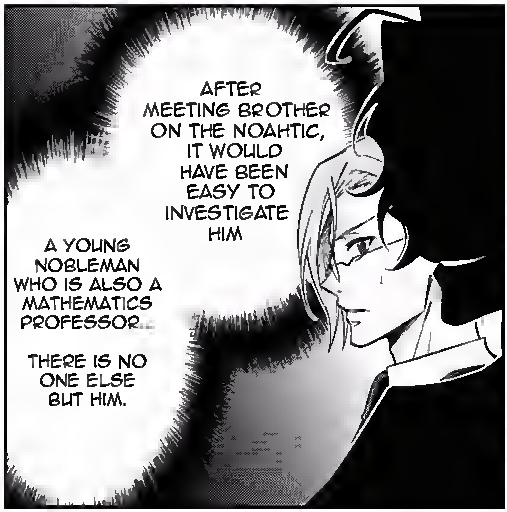
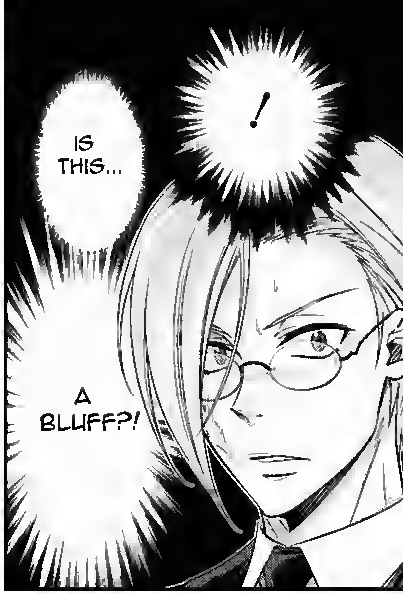

WHA-
THE NAME OF THAT CULPRIT.
HE SECRETLY TOLD ME...
SO YOU WERE "THAT PERSON",
WILLIAM JAMES MORIARTY.


AFTER MEETING BROTHER ON THE NOAHTIC, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY TO INVESTIGATE HIM
A YOUNG NOBLEMAN WHO IS ALSO A MATHEMATICS PROFESSOR...
THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BUT HIM.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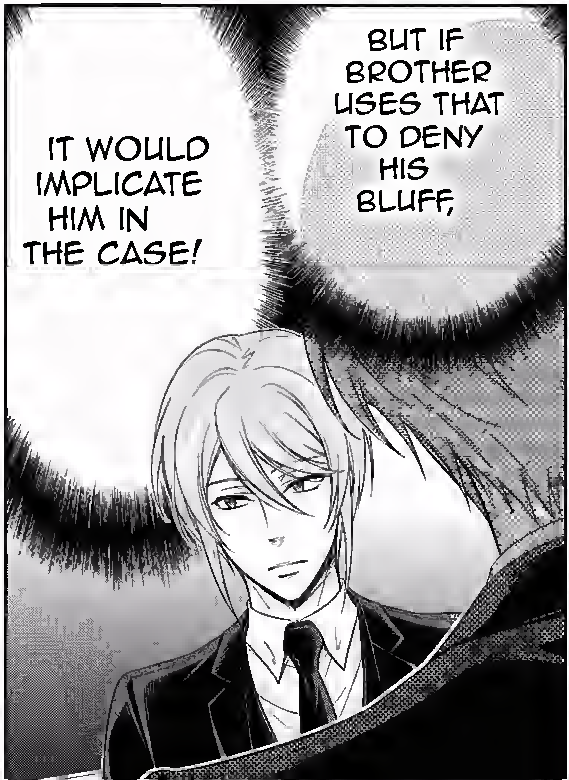
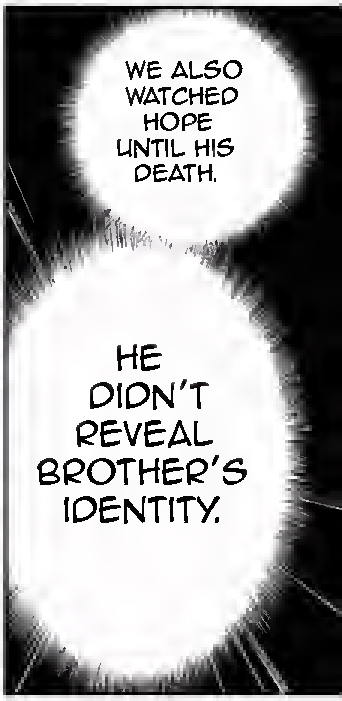
IS THIS...
A BLUFF?!


IT WOULD IMPLICATE HIM IN THE CASE!
BUT IF BROTHER USES THAT TO DENY HIS BLUFF,


WE ALSO WATCHED HOPE UNTIL HIS DEATH.
HE DIDN'T REVEAL BROTHER'S IDENTITY.

HERE... AND NOW!
HOLMES!
AS I THOUGHT, THIS GUY...
MUST BE DEALT WITH BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
.....
I SEE...
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THAT'S AN AMUSING ACCUSATION.
HOWEVER, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE I DIDN'T DO IT.
AND
TO PROVE "I DID DO IT" IS YOUR JOB, NO?

BUT
THIS GUY'S THE DEVIL INCARNATE AFTER ALL! SORRY, SORRY.
IT'S A JOKE, A JOKE.
HA HA HA
PFFT
I WOULD'VE LIKED
YOU TO BE THAT SHARP CRIMINAL.
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Catch me
if you can,
Mr.Holmes.

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WOULD YOU BE SATISFIED IF I SAID THAT,
MR. DETECTIVE?

YOU REALLY ARE THE BEST!
HA HA HA !!
HA... HA HA
I WAS ALSO JOKING.
I REALLY FEEL WE COULD GET ALONG!
MIGHT AS WELL ASK, IF YOU WERE INVOLVED IN HOPE'S CASE, HOW WOULD YOU HAVE INFILTRATE THE MANSION?
THAT'S NOT APPROPRIATE FOR A MEALTIME CONVERSATION.
HAHA
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING NOW?
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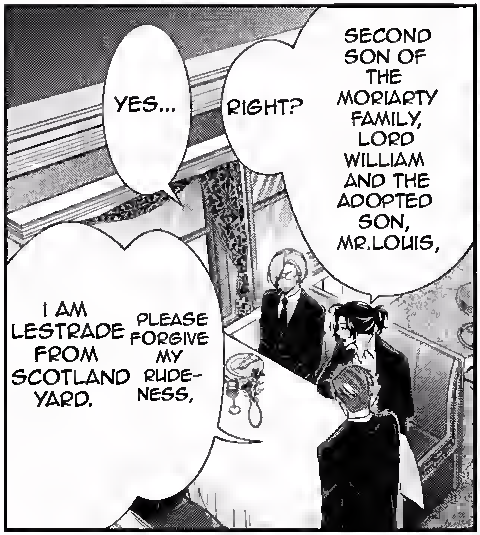
SECOND SON OF THE MORIARTY FAMILY, LORD WILLIAM AND THE ADOPTED SON, MR.LOUIS, RIGHT?
YES...
I AM LESTRADE FROM SCOTLAND YARD.
PLEASE FORGIVE MY RUDE-NESS,

WHAT'S ALL THIS? YOU'RE LOUD
WHAT A BOTHER
OH...HOLMES, THESE GENTLEMEN ARE...?

SO YOU ARE! I HAVE HEARD OF YOU
YOU HAVE CLOSED MANY CASES.
OH . . . ME?
IT WAS REALLY ME.

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WELL AS LONG AS I CAN SOLVE SOME MYSTERIES, I DON'T CARE ABOUT CREDIT...

MOMENTS AGO... I HEARD A LOUD NOISE FROM THE CABIN NEXT TO MINE...
IT BOTHERED ME SO I CAME TO SEE AND...
WHAT'S WRONG?
HM?
IT'S LOCKED.
!

H-HEY HOLMES!
OH? HE'S DEAD.
LOOK...
IT'S AN OBVIOUS MURDER.
MURDER?!
HEY, LIAM!
YOU'RE PROBABLY FREE UNTIL WE REACH LONDON TOO, RIGHT?
WANNA MAKE A BET ON WHICH OF US CAN FIND THE CULPRIT FIRST?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?
THIS ISN'T A GAME.
I SEE... HOWEVER...

HUH?
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS CASE IS NOW A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED
ス…
JOHN...?!
SUSPICION LINGERS OVER JOHN...
NOW THIS IS WORTH SOLVING...!
HA!
A BATTLE OF DEDUCTIONS BETWEEN TWO RIVALS BEGINS...?!